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Former FBI Man Loses Legal Round

Washington Atty. John Joseph Frank, indicted last May by a grand jury investigating the disappearance of Columbia University Prof. Jesus De Galindez, lost a court fight yesterday to make the Government supply more specific charges against him.

The indictment said merely that since May, 1954, he had been an "agent" and "attorney" for the Dominican Republic government without registering with the Justice Department, that he had "collected and reported" information to the Dominican Republic and that he had solicited pay from it.

The Justice Department has never elaborated on the charges. Mr. Frank's attorneys said the charges are "like telling a defendant 'you broke into a house during the last three years.'"



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They said that before his trial on Nov. 12, the Government should be required to list dates and specific acts.

District Judge F. Dickinson Letts refused to order a bill of particulars. He said the information sought should be "very largely within the knowledge of the defendant," and upheld the legality of the indictment against several arguments.

Mr. Frank, 42, an ex-FBI agent, lives at 7608 Columbia Pike, Alexandria. The special grand jury is still investigating the disappearance of the professor and American flier Gerald Murphy. It has returned no other indictments.

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